

March 12, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 2007 with the following members of the Board present: Chair – Ms. Nancy Cook; Vice Chair - Mr. Hillery Douglas, Mr. David Engelman, Mrs. Ruth Jordan, Mr. Gregg Meyers, Mr. Brian Moody, Mr. Arthur Ravenel, Mr. Ray Toler, and Dr. Maria Goodloe-Johnson – Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. Mrs. Toya Hampton-Green was absent. Staff members Mr. Donald Kennedy, Dr. Nancy McGinley and Mr. Jerry Adams were in attendance.

The media were duly notified of the meeting and representatives were present.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairperson Cook called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Chairperson Cook to convene into Executive Session. The motion was unanimously approved.

II. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:15 p.m. Chairperson Cook called the meeting to order and referred to Mr. Toler who led the group in a Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

III. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

3.1: Special Recognition for March 12, 2007

- 1. Lt. Governor's Writing Award Recipients** – The Board recognized six students who received the Lt. Governor's Writing Award.
- 2. CCSD Teacher of the Year Semifinalists** – The Board recognized the following CCSD Teacher of the Year Semifinalists:

- 3. Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards** – The Board recognized the following Palmetto Gold and Silver award recipients:

Gold Awards

<i>Academic Magnet High</i>	<i>Ashley River Elementary</i>	<i>Belle Hall Elementary</i>
<i>Buist Academy</i>	<i>Charles Pinckney Elementary</i>	<i>Charleston School of the Arts</i>
<i>Charlestowne Academy</i>	<i>Drayton Hall Elementary</i>	<i>East Cooper Montessori Charter</i>
<i>Garrett Academy</i>	<i>Harborview Elementary</i>	<i>James B. Edwards Elementary</i>
<i>Jennie Moore Elementary</i>	<i>Mamie Whitesides Elementary</i>	<i>Mt. Pleasant Academy</i>
<i>Sanders Clyde ES</i>	<i>St. Andrews School of Math & Science</i>	
<i>Stiles Point Elementary</i>	<i>Sullivans Island Elementary</i>	<i>Wando High</i>

Silver Awards

<i>Hunley Park Elementary</i>	<i>Jane Edwards Elementary</i>	<i>Murray LaSaine Elementary</i>
<i>Oakland Elementary</i>	<i>Orange Grove Elementary</i>	<i>Springfield Elementary</i>

- 4. CCSD School Nominated for Blue Ribbon Award** - the Board recognized Ms. Karen Felder – Principal at Jennie Moore Elementary for her school's blue ribbon nomination.
- 5. Buist Academy Named International Baccalaureate School** – the Board recognized Principal Sallie Ballard and her school on their achievement of being named an international baccalaureate school. Buist Academy is now South Carolina's 10th International Baccalaureate World (elementary) School in the state.
- 6. Burke HS JROTC Recognized** – the Board recognized the Burke High School JROTC team for its rating during the JROTC competition.
- 7. Teacher Cadets** – The Board recognized Teacher Cadets from North Charleston High School.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

4.1: Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent, Dr. Maria Goodloe-Johnson reported the following:

- Congratulations to the Palmetto Gold and Silver award winners.
- Congratulations to Buist Academy for being the 10th International Baccalaureate World Schools out of 800 elementary schools in the state.

- The Board will receive a budget update during the Management Reports.
- Administrators and staff will travel to Columbia on April 11, 2007 instead of March 14, 2007 to present a quarterly update on Burke to the S.C. State Board of Education.
- The New Teacher Project is looking for teachers to work at Burke High and Burke A+.
- The following schools, Burke, Brentwood, Baptist Hill, North Charleston High, and Stall High will present to the RAAC Committee on Tuesday, March 20, 2007.
- The District held a Teacher Recruitment Fair on Saturday, March 10, 2007.
- Burke High and A+ Programs completed the second administration of MAP. Graphs and pie charts showing growth will be taken to Columbia to share with the State Board.
- Orientation for new Board members will be held on Wednesday, March 14, 2007.
- The next Board Workshop will be held Monday, March 19, 2007 followed by a Special Called Board Meeting.
- The demolition of the old Sanders Clyde facility will soon take place. The new school will open August 2009.

V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

5.1: Visitors, Public Communications

1. Ms. Beverly Gadsden-Burch addressed the Board on behalf of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance in support of High Tech High at Rivers. Mrs. Gadsden-Burch also spoke in opposition of charter schools.
2. Ms. Cindy Clark, a Charleston/Berkeley County State Board member introduced herself to the county Board.
3. Ms. Lynn Carroll, a Drayton Hall parent, urged staff to seek a quicker way to evaluate students for learning disabilities.
4. Mr. Ken Hubbard, a NAACP Education Committee representative, spoke in opposition of having a charter school at the Rivers facility.
5. Mr. Alan Simmons, a Ministerial Alliance representative, addressed the Board in support of the Preservation High and High Tech High programs at the Rivers facility.
6. Ms. Carolyn Sally encouraged the Board not to cut funds for mentally-ill students.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

6.1: Open and Executive Session Minutes of February 26, 2007

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Engelman to approve the Open and Executive Session Minutes of February 26, 2007. The motion was approved 8-0.

6.2: Motions of Executive Session of March 12, 2007

The Board acted on the following Executive Session Agenda items of March 12, 2007 as follows:

- 1.1: Student Transfer Appeals (17)** – Approved - C, D and K; Upheld Denial – A, B, F and N; Approve Release – E, G, H, I, J, L, M, O, P, Q, and R. The motion was approved 6-2 (Douglas and Jordan opposed).
- 1.2: Student Appeal** – discussed a student appeal in Executive Session; no action was taken.
- 1.3 District 4 Constituent Board Vacancy** – Approved a recommendation from the District 4 Constituent Board to appoint Ms. Brenda Randolph to serve the remainder of Mr. Michael Crosby's term. The motion was approved 7-1 (Engelman opposed).
- 1.4: Appointment – Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction** – This item was pulled from the agenda; no action was taken.
- 1.5: Contractual Matters** – Approved a motion to authorize the Superintendent to move forward with the contract to acquire 15 acres of land on James Island. The motion was approved 8-0.

6.3: Financial Minutes of February 26, 2007

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Moody to approve the Financial Minutes of February 26, 2007. The motion to approve the minutes was approved 8-0.

VII: MANAGEMENT REPORTS

Mr. Donald Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer reported the following:

- CCSD recently received information on reduced state funding for FY08.
- The projected deficit is due in part to a \$15 million decrease in state revenues distributed to Charleston and increase in mandated expenditures of \$12.1 million unfunded mandates that are required by the state.
- CCSD's projected budget deficit is driven primarily by three factors: the state's education funding formulas, unfunded state mandates, and impact of the new property tax reform bill.
- It is anticipated that Charleston County will have the biggest decrease in funding in the state.
- The Index of Taxpaying Ability is driving the increase.
- Charleston's index is the highest and Clarendon is the state's lowest.
- Local districts have the ability to pick up the loss of state revenue through local taxes. However, Charleston cannot raise taxes because of the property tax reform bill.
- Revenue in Charleston County from FY01 – FY08 reveals a decrease of \$45.1 million in state funding. Increased local taxes were used to address these decreases.
- The following recommendations were made to Charleston Legislators:
 - It is recommended that the state hold Charleston County School District harmless in FY08 from the proposed \$15 million state revenue reduction.
 - Update the state's education funding formulas to ensure fairness in how state revenue dollars are allocated.
 - Implement the new property tax reform bill in a manner that allows school districts to calculate their FY08 revenue from the new sales tax based on the amount of revenue they would have received had there not been a property tax reform bill.
 - Create legislation to exempt school districts from paying South Carolina sales tax.

At this time, Mr. Ravenel complemented Dr. Goodloe-Johnson and Mr. Kennedy for addressing this matter with Senator Glenn McConnell and House Speaker Bobby Harrell. Mr. Ravenel also suggested the charter funding which is based on inflation factor of 4.6% be protested to State Superintendent Rex, Senator Glenn McConnell and House Speaker Bobby Harrell.

VIII: CHARLESTON PLAN FOR EXCELLENCE

The Board did not receive a Charleston Plan for Excellence update at this meeting.

IX. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

9.1: Policy Revisions – GBXXX – Progressive Discipline, GBEB – Employee Conduct, GBXXXX – Record Retention Policy, KJ – Guidelines for Moment of Silence or Invocation for School-based Events or Activities, and DXXX – Lawrence G. Derthick, Jr. Memorial Trust Fund

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Toler approval of a recommendation to the policies listed above. The motion was approved 8-0.

9.2: Home Instruction Applications

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of two home school applications. The amended motion was approved 7-1 (Douglas opposed).

9.3: Facility Use Request – Burke High

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Toler approval of the recommendation to approve the application for use of Burke High School. The motion was approved 8-0.

9.4: Surplus Property

The Board received surplus property information. No action was taken.

9.5: Policy Regulation – GCFAA - R

The Board received Policy Regulation GCFAA-R as information.

By consensus, the Board approved a motion to have the Board Chair, Vice Chair and Superintendent of Schools participate in a conference call on March 20, 2007 to discuss the application.

9.6: Clark Academy – Alternative Program

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Toler approval of the proposed change for Septima P. Clark Corporate Academy to an Alternative Program as originally designed. The motion was approved 8-0.

9.7: Title I Proposed Funding Changes

After the Board discussed the proposal for Title I Funding Changes at length at the February 26, 2007 meeting, Mr. Ravenel motioned, seconded by Mr. Douglas to table the recommendation for funding changes in the Title I schools. The motion was approved 6—3 (Green, Jordan and Moody opposed). The board revisited the proposal; however, no further action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 7:15 p.m., it was motioned by Mr. Meyers seconded by Chairperson Cook to adjourn. The motion was approved by consensus.

Approved:

Maria Goodloe-Johnson, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools